Special Employment Exchanges for the Handicapped Persons in Andhra Pradesh

1790. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how many special employment exchanges are there for the handicapped persons in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) what are the details of these exchanges ; and

(c) how many handicapped persons were given placements by these exchanges ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) There are two Special Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh, one in Hyderabad and another in Vishakhapatnam. The Special Employment Exchange in Hyderabad and Vishakhapatnam established in 1962 and 1987 respectively.

(c) The number of registrations made and placements effected as on 31-12-92 are as follows :

Special Employment Exchange	No. of Registration made	Placements effected
Hyderabad	16,811	2,672
Vishakhapatnam	2,452	113

Expenditure on Minority Commission

1791. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how much money was expended during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 on Minority Commission. Details may be given headwise like T.A., D.A. telephone, visits, Seminars and Conference etc; and

(b) how many recommendations were sent to different Ministries, Deptt , and action taken on them during 1991-92 and 92-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) An expenditure of Rs. 60.95 lakhs and Rs. 63.37 lakhs was incurred on the Minorities Commission during 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively. The details are given below :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Items	1991-92	1992-93
1.	Salary	27.25	28.44
2.	Wages	1.71	1.43
3.	T.A./D.A./Visits	1.99	3.18
4.	O.T.A.	0.30	0.50
5.	(i) Telephone	7.16	9.81
	(ii) Seminars & Conference	Nil	Nil
	(iii) O. E. [excluding (i) and (ii)]	22.54	20.01
	Total	60.95	63.37

(b) Annual Reports of the Commission for 1991-92 and 1992-93 containing the recommendations have not been received by the Government so far.

Scheme to help Widows

1792. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that widows in Vrindaban, Kashi and in other places of the country live in abject poverty ;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to ensure the payment of maintenance allowance to these widows by amending the relevant rules; and

(d) what other steps are being taken in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Social Welfare Board have conducted a survey of widows in Vrindaban through the Counsellors of Family Counselling Centres run by Brij Bal Vikas Kendra, Mathura, a voluntary organisation. The survey covered 2500 widows in various bhajan ashrams in the following age group :

Ag-Group (Years)	No. of Widows
20—40	301
40—60	979
60—80	1220
	2500

The widows are mostly from West Bengal Bihar, Nepal etc. The number of widows receiving pension is 131. The main source of livelihood is charity from devotees, ashrams and singing bhajans.

(c) Department of Women & Child Development have no such proposal under consideration, at present.

(d) The Central Social Welfare Board has sanctioned two Production Units to the under mentioned institutions during the year 1992-93 in order to provide employment and economic rehabilitation to these widows :—

(i) Brij Bal Vikas Kendra, Mathura—Production Unit for Papad and Bari.

(ii) Akash Deep Children Academy, Mathura –Production Unit for the Dhoop and Aggarbatti.

The Board has also sanctioned grants under the schemes of Condensed Courses of Education for Adult Women and Vocational Training Generation Projects for providing assistance to these widows.

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1793. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त निगम द्वारा देश के विभिन्न राज्यों के राज्य स्तरीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त निगमों को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कमजोर वर्गों के आर्थिक उत्थान हेतु बनी योजनाओं के लिए कितनी धनराशि दी गई है, तथा इसका राज्यवार और वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या सभी राज्यों के अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त निगमों ने घोषित योजनाओं के अंतर्गत कमजोर वर्गों के आर्थिक उत्थान हेतु कथित धनराशि का उपयोग कर लिया है; यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) उपयोग के ब्यौरे सहित राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति वित्त एवं विकास निगम द्वारा राज्यवार तथा वर्षवार वितरित निधियों के ब्यौरे संलग्न अनुपत्र में दिए गए हैं। **(देखिए परिशिष्ट-170) अनुपत्र संख्या 42)**